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- 1. FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD OFFERED TO HAVE DONDELINGER MEET WITH GOVERNOR MITCHELL, GOVERNOR HOLLAND, OR BOARD STAFF DEPENDING ON HIS SCHEDULE DURING HIS RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT. DONDELINGER SAID DEMANDS FOR HIS PRESENCE AT C-20 MEETINGS AND NEED TO DEPART JUNE 13 IN ORDER BE IN GRAND DUCHY IN CONNECTION FORMATION NEW GOVERNMENT PRECLUDED HIS BEING ABLE TO DO SO.
- 2. FACTS OF CASE INVOLVING A U.S. BANK'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FROM ITS LUXEMBOURG AFFILIATE ARE SIMPLY AS FOLLOWS. IN COURSE OF ROUTINE BANK EXAMINATION BY FEDERAL RESERVE, IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT INFORMATION ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE ASSETS OF A LUXEMBOURG SUBSIDIARY WAS NOT AVAILABLE

AT THE U.S. HEAD OFFICE. NEED TO RECTIFY UNAVAILABILITY OF REQUIRED INFORMATION LED TO REQUEST OF SUBSIDIARY BY THE PARENT. CONTRARY TO DONDELINGER'S UNDERSTANDING AND SPECULATION, LUXEMBOURG SUBSIDIARY DID NOT (REPEAT NOT) SEND INFORMATION DIRECTLY TO FEDERAL RESERVE AND INFORMATION WAS NOT (REPEAT NOT) RELATED TO FRANKLIN NATIONAL BANK. REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION AND PROCEDURES FOR

OBTAINING IT ARE IN ACCORD WITH UNDERSTANDINGS FEDERAL RESERVE AND COMPTROLLER HAVE HAD WITH LUXEMBOURG AUTHORITIES AS INDICATED REFTEL B.

- 3. DONDELINGER WAS TOLD BY NORWOOD OF BOARD STAFF THAT ALTHOUGH GOVERNOR MITCHELL WOULD BE IN EUROPE DURING NEXT TWO WEEKS, HE WOULD BE TRAVELING ON TIGHT SCHEDULE. IMPRESSION CAREFULLY AVOIDED OF CHANCE OF GOVERNOR MITCHELL'S VISITING LUXEMBOURG ON THIS TRIP. GOVERNOR MITCHELL IS AWARE OF SIGNIFICANCE OF LUXEMBOURG AND OF UTILITY OF KEEPING CONTACT WITH DONDELINGER AND WILL DECIDE ON BEST WAY TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF DONDELINGER'S DESIRES FOR SUCH CONTACT.
- 4. EMBASSY SHOULD GIVE DONDELINGER EXPLANATION OF BANK INFORMATION ISSUE ALONG LINES OF PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. KISSINGER

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